

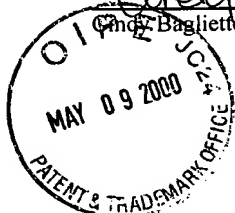
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Attorney Docket No. 4255-712

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application)

PATENT APPLICATION

Inventor(s): Mark Eastin)

Art Unit: 2722

Application No.: 09/432,545)

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: November 3, 1999)

Title **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
CONTROLLING A PRODUCTION
OPERATION USING PRINTED
INFORMATION ON A COMPONENT TAPE**)

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Sir:

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed information be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application. If form PTO-1449 is enclosed, the Examiner is requested to initial and return it in accordance with MPEP §609.

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☐ a certification as specified in §1.97(e) is provided below; or

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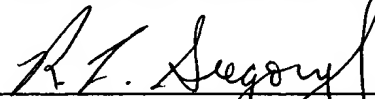
B. a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d) requesting consideration of this statement is submitted herewith; and

C. a fee of \$130.00 as set forth in §1.17(i)(1) is authorized below, enclosed, or included with the payment of other papers filed together with this statement.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Persuant to 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(2), applicants hereby cross-reference the following related applications, which are all assigned to the same assignee as the present application:

U.S. Patent Application entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING AND PRINTING A COMPONENT COUNT ON A COMPONENT TAPE", which was assigned serial no. 09/433,117, filed November 3, 1999.

U.S. Patent Application entitled "COMPONENT TAPE INCLUDING A PRINTED COMPONENT COUNT", which was assigned serial no. 09/432,834, filed November 3, 1999.

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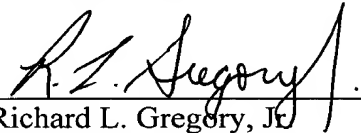
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